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10 September 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, PP

SUBJECT : NSC Directive on Covert Operations

1. Forwarded herewith is a draft of a paper to replace NSC 10/2 and NSC 10/5. I have tried to combine what I consider the important elements of both and, at the same time, bring them up to date. There may be important matters of which I am not aware and which should be covered here, or there may be material herein which is no longer necessary or pertinent, so please regard this as a work paper to change or rewrite as you see fit.

2. Specific comments referring to the paragraphing in the new draft are as follows:

a. Paragraph 1 is the same as the opening paragraph of NSC 10/2.

b. Paragraph 2 contains the priority thoughts of NSC 10/5.

c. Paragraph 3 confirms and clarifies the responsibilities of the Director of Central Intelligence as developed under NSC 10/2, and paragraph 3b(1) attempts to put the Operations Coordinating Board in its proper relationship to these responsibilities.

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d. I am not sure that paragraph 3c is still appropriate in this form and perhaps [REDACTED] will have some thoughts in this respect.

e. Paragraph 4 appears to be somewhat repetitive of paragraph 3b(2) and perhaps the two can be combined or one eliminated.

f. Paragraph 5 is the same as the definition paragraph in NSC 10/2, except the addition at the end of the second sentence of "... nonmilitary deception plans and operations," which was inserted at the request of the Office of the Deputy Director (Plans).

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g. Also, the last sentence of paragraph 5 was added to  
support action for transfer of such operations as [REDACTED]

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3. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance to you in  
connection with this paper.

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